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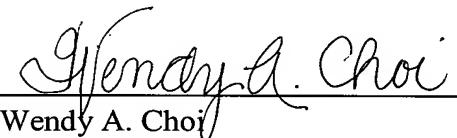
Prior to examination on the merits, applicants request entry of this amendment.

Applicants are herein canceling claims 1 to 103, without prejudice or disclaimer, and adding new claims 104 to 156 directed to methods of detecting, imaging or monitoring congestive heart failure. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is introduced by the amendment to the claims. Support for the amendments is found, *inter alia*, in the specification on page 2, line 34 to page 3, line 15; page 5, lines 8 to 11; and page 8, line 18 to page 8, line 16.

Applicants are herein amending the specification to correct typographical errors and to add a CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is introduced by the amendment to the specification.

Please direct any questions regarding this preliminary amendment to the undersigned attorney.

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